(b) The management of the Delhi Cloth Mills had applied to the Lt. Governor of Delhi seeking permission for closure under Section 25(U) of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 which was refused.

The re-development scheme submitted by the Delhi Cloth Mills management was found to be feasible by the Delhi Development Authority in 1983. However, in 1986 the Authority re-considered the whole matter and revoked its earlier decision. This decision was challenged in the Delhi High Court by the DCM management which has revoked the 1986 decision of the Authority and the earlier resolution has been restored. The Delhi Development Authority is filing a Special Leave Petition in the Supreme Court of India against the judgement of the Delhi High Court.

Development Board in Maharashtra

1744. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra Government had recommended to the Central Government for the constitution of a Development Board each for Vidarbha, Marathwada and rest of Maharashtra through a Presidential Order under Article 371(2) of the Constiution; and

(b) if so, what is the present position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) The Maharashtra State Legislature had passed a resolution in 1984 urging the establishment of Development Boards for Vidarbha, Marathwada and the rest of Maharashtra.

(b) The matter is under consideration in consultation with the Government of Maharashtra.

Exploitation of Indian workers going to Saudi Arabia and Gulf countries for employment

1745. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the exploitation and miseries of the Indian workers who go to Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries for employment; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken by Government to check the activities of the unscrupulous contractors who exploit these poor workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some such cases have come to the notice of Government. As per the provisions of Emigration Act, 1983 exploitation of emigrants workers is a cognizable offence. On receipt of complaints, enquiries are conducted & suitable departmental/legal action is taken against the unscrupulous agents. So far recruiting certificates of 9 recruiting agencies have been cancelled and suspended in respect of 25. Wide publicity through Radio spots, Television quickies is being given by the Government to alert the intending emigrants so as to prevent their exploitation.

Development of tourist sports in Andhra Pradesh

1746. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:
SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have prepared any scheme for the development of tourist spots in Andhra Pradesh; and